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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 27, 2004. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire December 27, 2004. Thus a petition for a one-month extension of time and the requisite fee are included with this Response.

Also, by this Response and Amendment, twelve independent claims have been added and one dependent claim has been cancelled. Therefore, a check in the amount of \$2,950 including \$550 for each claim more than 20 that had not been previously paid for plus \$2,400 for each independent claim more than 3 that had not been previously paid for is included with this Response and Amendment.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Further, entry of this Response and Amendment is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and does not

raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search. As noted below, the added 01/28/2005 MAHMEDI 00000007 09486940

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independent claims merely put the allowable dependent claims in independent form and thus do not raise any new issues.